Land Revenue Department represents the wages for a full day of the person engaged for the tom-tom work. Unlike the civil courts, the proclamation of Revenue sale has to be made by beat of tom-tom in the village to which the lands on which the arrear has accrued may belong and also in other places as the Tahsildar may think necessary. The person employed for this work has therefore greater work to do. In the Major Municipal towns and in the hill tracts the rates of wages are higher than those in places in the low country. These circumstances account for the difference in the rates obtaining in the different institutions and localities. For the reasons explained, it is not feasible to make the rates uniform.

Report on the working of the Trivandrum Municipal Council.

187. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*) : With reference to the statement that a separate report would shortly be published in respect of the working of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, given in answer to the question re the Trivandrum Municipal Council asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 25th April 1929, will the Government be pleased to enquire why the report has not yet been published though it is three months since the answer was given ?

MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : The report has been received by the Government and is under consideration.

Establishment of Hospitals for rural areas in the State.

188. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Administrative Board, Medical Services, has submitted to them any scheme for the establishment of hospitals in rural areas in the State ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any action thereon ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Coolies employed in mills and plantations in the State.

189. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed any rules regarding the medical inspection, working hours, rates of wages, etc., of the coolies employed in mills and plantations, such as coffee, cardamom, rubber, etc., in this State ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Rules passed under Section 37 of the Travancore Factories Regulation, V of 1089, provide, among others, for the medical inspection, working hours, etc., of factories as defined in Section 3 of the Regulation. The plantations referred to do not come under 'factories' as defined in the Regulation.

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